

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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**In the Matter of:**

<b>RENEGOTIATION OF INTERCONNECTION</b>	)	
<b>AGREEMENT BETWEEN BELL SOUTH</b>	)	<b>CASE NO. 2001-0045</b>
<b>TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC. AND</b>	)	
<b>SOUTHEAST TELEPHONE, INC.</b>	)	

**MOTION TO HOLD IN ABEYANCE**

SouthEast Telephone, Inc. ("SouthEast") hereby respectfully requests that the Public Service Commission, ("Commission") hold in abeyance the October 8, 2004 deadline for renegotiation of the existing interconnection agreement between SouthEast and BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth").

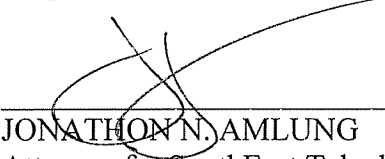
On July 21, 2004, the Federal Communications Commission, ("FCC") issued the Interim Order on Unbundled Network Elements (FCC 04-179) requiring Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers such as BellSouth to continue providing unbundled access to switching, enterprise market loops, and dedicated transport under the same rates, terms and conditions that applied under their interconnection agreements as of June 15, 2004. The "Interim Rules" also require that the rates, terms and conditions remain in place until the earlier of the effective date of final unbundling rules promulgated by the Commission or six (6) months after the publication of the Interim Order unless they are superseded by a voluntarily negotiated act, or Commission or state PSC action.

In this period of regulatory uncertainty, it is the opinion of SouthEast that a mutually beneficial interconnection agreement cannot be reached by the parties by the October 8, 2004 deadline. Given that the FCC has "frozen" the rates, terms, and conditions within the existing

interconnection agreement between the parties, SouthEast does not see that BellSouth would be harmed by holding the negotiations in abeyance until the issuance of the FCC's Final Order on this matter.

Therefore, SouthEast respectfully requests that the Commission hold in abeyance the October 8, 2004 deadline for renegotiation of the existing interconnection agreement between SouthEast and BellSouth, maintaining the status quo between the parties.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was mailed, this the 14<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2004, to:

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